

### **REMARKS**

The non-final Office Action of June 14, 2004 has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. Claims 2, 3, 5-7, 10-26, 29-43, and 45-154 are pending. Claim 28 has been canceled as it dependent from previously cancelled claim 27. Claim 142 has been amended, in line 1, "entirely" has been changed to --entirety--.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for indicating that the above claims are allowable. Applicants have taken note of the Examiner's remarks regarding the numbering of the claims. Subsequently, claims 1-154 have been properly re-numbered and the numbering of the claims has been preserved throughout the prosecution. Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested.

Briefly, the history of the present claims is this: claims 1-26 are the original claims set forth in the reissue patent application on May 27, 1994. On February 22, 1996, in response to the office action of August 24, 1994, claims 10-26 were cancelled, claims 1, 2, 7, and 8 were amended, and new claims 24-44 were added. On June 6, 1997, claims 1, 4, 8, and 9 were cancelled and new claims were added that were mis-numbered as claims 10-119. On July 16, 1998, the mis-numbered claims were properly renumbered as claims 45-154 and claims 10-26 were re-instated.

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All formal matters having been addressed, Applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicit prompt notification of the same. Applicants hereby give authorization to charge any fee associated with this submission or any additional fee due to Deposit Account 19-0733. If there are any questions the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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